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Courts / Rulings

LAPD sergeant's Facebook posting was disciplinable

The Court of Appeal for this district has affirmed the denial of a writ petition sought by a Los Angeles Police Department sergeant who

contested receipt of a reprimand and a five-day suspension without pay for posting a comment on a third party's Facebook page ridiculing an action against the LAPD by a female officer who claimed gender and religious discrimination.
Metropolitan News-Enterprise

Gun microstamping law valid even if compliance impossible
A gun law which requires firearm manufacturers to implement microstamping technology in all new handguns sold in the state was upheld by the California Supreme Court yesterday, despite opponents' claims that compliance is technologically impossible. Justice Goodwin Liu was joined by five justices, including Court of Appeal Presiding Justice Norman Epstein of this district's Div. Four, sitting on assignment. Justice Ming Chin wrote a concurring opinion.
Metropolitan News-Enterprise

Supreme Court: No immunity for Sonoma deputy who killed boy
The Supreme Court on Monday allowed parents to press ahead with a lawsuit against a sheriff's deputy from Sonoma County who shot and killed their 13-year-old son as he walked on a sidewalk carrying a plastic pellet gun. The justices without comment or dissent denied the county's appeal seeking immunity for the officer. The court's decision clears the way for the parents' wrongful-death suit to go before a jury.
Los Angeles Times

Justice Anthony Kennedy to retire, giving Trump a chance to shift Supreme Court sharply right
Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, the Supreme Court centrist who for a generation has cast the deciding vote in the biggest cases, plans to retire, giving President Trump a chance to shift the court sharply to the right. Kennedy, 81, will depart effective July 31, the court said in a statement Wednesday.
Los Angeles Times

Judge erred in ordering disciplinary charges against San Francisco officers dropped
The First District Court of Appeal on Friday reversed a judgment ordering that disciplinary charges be scrapped against nine San Francisco police officers in connection with a 2011 corruption probe into a series of racist, homophobic, and anti-Semitic text messages exchanged by the officers.
Metropolitan News-Enterprise

California Supreme Court upholds death for child killer
California's Supreme Court has upheld the death penalty for a mentally ill man who killed and dismembered a 12-year-old boy in Orange County. John Ghobrial, a one-armed panhandler who'd been diagnosed with serious mental illness, was convicted of strangling Juan Delgado in La Habra in 1998. Prosecutors said Ghobrial dismembered the boy and

put his remains in concrete cylinders he left around the area.
The Press Democrat

Justice Department brings sanctuary cites to Supreme Court
Since President Donald Trump issued an executive order last January to deny federal funding to jurisdictions that don't cooperate with federal efforts to deport immigrants in the U.S. without legal status, his action has been repeatedly blocked by courts: specifically, by federal judges in California, Illinois and Pennsylvania.
Catholic News Service

Judge scolds Charlie Sheen's lawyer for slut-shaming while enforcing NDA's arbitration clause
An ex-girlfriend's lawsuit against Charlie Sheen for allegedly exposing her to HIV will likely head to arbitration - but not before Sheen's attorney got a stern warning from a Los Angeles Superior Court judge to leave slut-shaming out of court pleadings.
Forbes

C.A. affirms order to State for back payments to judges
The Court of Appeal for this district yesterday affirmed an order that the State of California provide millions of dollars in back pay to judges who have been short-changed for years, in violation of the mandate in Government Code §68203 that judicial salaries "shall be increased" annually by the average percentage of salary increases of state employees.
Metropolitan News-Enterprise

California gets 12 new judges
Governor Jerry Brown on Wednesday announced the appointments of 10 new superior court judges and two judges on a state appeals court. Four judges were appointed to Los Angeles County Superior Court. All the new superior court judges are Democrats. They will earn $200,042 a year. Appeals court judges must be confirmed by the Commission on Judicial Appointments. They earn $228,918 a year.
Courthouse News Service

Supreme Court overturns 153-year-old preclusion rule
The California Supreme Court, in a departure from its holding in an 1865 case, held yesterday that claim and issue preclusion do not apply to an alternative basis for a trial court's decision which was not addressed by the Court of Appeal in an affirmance. Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye wrote the opinion for a unanimous court.
Metropolitan News-Enterprise

State Bar

A breakdown of California Bar Exam results by law school (February 2018)

Results from the February 2018 administration of the California bar exam were released on May 18, 2018, and on that day, pass rates sank to a record low for the test. As we noted previously, the overall pass rate for the February 2018 exam was 27.3 percent, while the pass rate for first-time takers was 39 percent. The pass rate for retakers was a shockingly low 23 percent.
Above the Law

Janus Decision

Supreme Court delivers blow to organized labor in fees dispute
The U.S. Supreme Court on Wednesday dealt a big blow to organized labor, ruling that non-members cannot be forced in certain states to pay fees to unions representing public employees such as teachers and police, shutting off a key union revenue source. The 5-4 ruling overturned a 1977 Supreme Court precedent that had permitted these so-called agency fees, which have been collected from millions of workers who opt not to join unions in lieu of union dues to fund non-political activities such as collective bargaining.
Reuters

Will the Supreme Court's Janus decision sink California unions?
Soft spoken and bespectacled, Diana Corral, a 36-year old Orange County social worker, hardly fits the stereotype of union boss. "I love my job because I love helping people," she said of her work as an eligibility specialist who guides the poor, the disabled and the homeless in applying for food stamps, Medi-Cal heath insurance and cash assistance.
Orange County Register

'Fair share' union fees struck down, delivering blow to California labor
California's public employee unions were handed a serious blow in a Supreme Court ruling Wednesday that forbids them from collecting fees from workers who benefit from their representation but do not want to join them. In a 5 to 4 ruling, the court determined that public sector unions' so-called "fair share" fees violate "the free speech rights of nonmembers by compelling them to subsidize private speech on matters of substantial public concern."
Sacramento Bee

Janus Decision reverberates in California
Potentially, the United States Supreme Court's decision in Janus vs AFSCME may reduce the powerful political influence public unions have exhibited over California policy and politics for some time. "May reduce" being the operative pair of words because that might not come to pass. In a 5-4 decision, the court concluded that public employees were not compelled to pay "agency fees" when the union represented them in negotiations.

Fox & Hounds Daily

LA County

LA vote chaos: Incompetence or sabotage by 'least qualified' election exec?
When Los Angeles County's registered voters went to their polling stations to cast their ballots in last week's California primary, up to 118,000 of them learned their names were not on the voter rolls maintained and provided by Dean C. Logan, the County's Registrar-Recorder. Many, if not most, are believed to have been offered a substitute "provisional" ballot, though that number has not yet been confirmed by Logan's staffers.
CityWatch

Will proposed $1 million settlement on case of alleged sexual assault of girl by LA County Juvenile Probation Officer help push department reform?
Last September, Los Angeles County Deputy Probation Officer, Oscar David Calderon Jr., then 33, was sentenced to one year in county jail after pleading guilty to two felony counts of assault under the color of authority, for "inappropriately touching" two girls at one of the county's juvenile probation camps, Camp Scudder.
WitnessLA

Will the death of this little boy drive up foster care removals in LA County?
The death late last week of Anthony Avalos, a ten-year-old Lancaster boy, is growing more painful the more that we learn about circumstances that led to his being rushed to a hospital Wednesday with critical injuries. According to a story published Sunday in the Los Angeles Times, the boy who smiles winningly in family Facebook photos had severe head injuries and cigarette burns covering his body when he died early on Thursday morning, after lingering through the night.
WitnessLA

Utility commission calls for increasing volume at Aliso Canyon
With an eye on greater demands on the energy grid coming as summer officially begins, the California Public Utilities Commission this week has recommended increasing the natural gas storage volume at the Aliso Canyon Storage Facility, the site of the largest methane leak from a natural gas storage facility in U.S. history.
San Diego Union-Tribune

L.A. County approves $31-billion budget, adding funds for four immigration lawyers
Disappointing advocates who had called for more attorneys to defend poor immigrants, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on Monday unanimously adopted a $31.4-billion budget that funded only

four new immigration attorneys in the public defender's office instead of the desired 15.
Los Angeles Times

L.A. is slammed with record costs for legal payouts
Los Angeles has spent soaring amounts in recent years to end legal disputes over dangerous roads, police misconduct and other alleged wrongdoing, depriving the city of money that could fund other pressing needs. Last budget year, the city paid out more than $200 million in legal settlements and court judgments - a record amount that was more than the city spent on its libraries or fixing its streets.
Los Angeles Times

LA County Public Health releases 2018 City, Community Health Profiles
The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health on Wednesday released its 2018 Cities and Communities Health Profiles, the most geographically focused reports to date on the health of county residents and the community conditions impacting their health. Reports were generated for cities and unincorporated communities with at least 24,000 residents, including 60 cities, the 15 council districts in the city of Los Angeles and nine unincorporated communities.
LA County Public Health Press Release

Prosecutors / Prosecutions

Fire captain shot, killed at senior facility; 77-year-old resident arrested
A 77-year-old man is jailed Tuesday for allegedly shooting and killing a veteran fire captain and wounding a second firefighter and a civilian as crews responded to an explosion and fire at a high-rise Long Beach apartment building housing low-income seniors. The Long Beach Fire Department firefighters had been sent to Covenant Manor, an 11-story building in the 600 block of East Fourth Street, about 3:50 a.m. Monday in response to a report of a possible explosion at the facility.
My News LA

If he didn't kill anyone, why is it murder?
Late in the evening on Jan. 27, 2004, four teenagers broke into an elderly neighbor's house in the Southern California town of Perris, looking for cash. One of them, Shawn Khalifa, guarded the back door. Shawn, who had just turned 15, slipped into the kitchen and stole some chocolate candies. He briefly saw that the homeowner was seriously hurt, and he ran back outside.
New York Times

SoCal man impersonates ICE agent, forcing 15-year-old out of car and seizing his phone
A man on Friday pleaded guilty to impersonating a federal officer during

an encounter with a teenager and police outside a Southern California mall, officials announced. Farad Gharagozlou Bell, a 63-year-old Simi Valley man, confronted a 15-year-old boy in the parking lot of the Pacific View Mall on Dec. 2, 2017, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.
Fox5 San Diego

City takes funeral home to court over sales practices
The City Attorney's Office sued a South Los Angeles funeral home Friday for allegedly ignoring demands to bring their sales practices into compliance with state and federal law. The Los Angeles Superior Court lawsuit alleges Agape Funeral Home Inc. did not post mandatory pricing information on its website before it was taken down in October 2017, forcing consumers to obtain such information in person.
City News Service

Man convicted of involuntary manslaughter for fight outside Hollywood club
An Anaheim man was convicted Tuesday of involuntary manslaughter in the fatal beating of a man outside a Hollywood nightclub after a birthday celebration. Dietrich Canterberry, 36, was acquitted of a second-degree murder charge stemming from Devion Jelkes' October 2016 death, according to Ricardo Santiago of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office.
My News LA

'Profound Brutality': Man sentenced to life in prison for girlfriend's torture-death
A West Hollywood man was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole for killing his live-in girlfriend, whose body was drained of all blood in a crime that a prosecutor said mirrored the script of a graphic novel the defendant co-wrote. The judge cited Blake Leibel's "profound brutality" in handing down the life term.
City News Service

NFL players' response to Trump's pardon offer is well-intentioned but flawed
Any time you tackle a subject such as this, it's imperative to take a breath before writing. But after spending the past seven days inhaling, I think I'm comfortable with this 900-word exhalation. A few weeks ago, President Trump made a rather astonishing offer to protesting NFL players. He told them that if they pass along cases of people they felt were victims of the criminal-justice system, he would review them and consider pardons.
Seattle Times

Law Enforcement

Michel Moore takes helm as LAPD's 57th Chief
One day after he was unanimously confirmed by the City Council,

Assistant Chief Michel Moore is set to be sworn in by Mayor Eric Garcetti Thursday as the 57th chief of the Los Angeles Police Department during an induction ceremony. The 36-year veteran of the LAPD was selected from 31 applicants as one of three finalists by the Board of Police Commissioners, and then named as Garcetti's choice earlier this month.
NBC4 Los Angeles

Mother's boyfriend arrested in connection to the death of Anthony Avalos
A man was under arrest today on suspicion of murdering his girlfriend's 10-year-old son, but he was not booked because he was being treated for a self-inflicted laceration to his upper chest. The suspect, 32-year-old Kareem Leiva, was taken to a hospital and once he is medically cleared, he will be booked on a murder charge, with his bail set at $2 million, according to Los Angeles County Sheriff' Jim McDonnell. Anthony Avalos died at a hospital last Thursday morning.
City News Service

Man killed in front of his daughters was shot in the head
A man killed last week while camping with his two daughters at Malibu State Park was shot in the head, the Los Angeles County coroner's office reported today. Tristan Beaudette, 35, of Irvine, was fatally shot inside a tent in the popular campground at Malibu Creek State Park. Detectives have not revealed the exact time of the shooting, but were summoned to the campground at 4:44 a.m. Friday, according to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.
City News Service

Is there evidence of racial disparity in police use of deadly force? Analyses of officer-involved fatal shootings in 2015-2016
Is there evidence of a Black - White disparity in death by police gunfire in the United States? This is commonly answered by comparing the odds of being fatally shot for Blacks and Whites, with odds benchmarked against each group's population proportion. However, adjusting for population values has questionable assumptions given the context of deadly force decisions.
Sage Journals

In the aftermath of a police shooting, families feel left in the dark with more questions than answers
John Weber had a list of questions for authorities after his 16-year-old son was killed by sheriff's deputies during a February encounter. What exactly happened in the moments before Anthony Weber was shot in a South L.A. apartment courtyard? Was he wounded in the back as he was running away? Did he lie on the ground struggling for life, or die instantly? Who were the deputies? How long had they been on the job? What were their records?
Los Angeles Times

SF supervisors hold back funding for police Tasers, citing concern over true costs
San Francisco police officers will likely have to wait at least another year to be equipped with Tasers, following a divided vote by city lawmakers Monday to cut funding for the devices. Despite November's decision by the city's Police Commission authorizing the Police Department to use the electronic stun guns, the Board of Supervisors' Budget and Finance Committee voted 3-2 to scrap Mayor Mark Farrell's budget proposal to spend $2 million in the coming fiscal year to buy the devices.
SF Gate

Violent police impersonators highlight dangers of eBay & Amazon fake badges & ID
The Counterfeit Report found over 8,600 fake law enforcement badges and ID's on eBay and Amazon and sent hundreds of email reports, press releases and warnings to eBay and Amazon staffers, including eBay CEO, Devin Wenig, eBay General Counsel, Marie Oh Huber, eBay Global Intellectual Property Brand Manager, Julien Dudouit, and Amazon CEO, Jeff Bezos. The press releases were viewed over 400 times, yet the e-commerce execs did not respond, and the fake badges remain.
The Counterfeit Report

Riverside County Sheriff's in-custody 'justified homicides' outpace other large California departments
Between 2005 and 2016, 41 percent of people who died while in custody or in the process of arrest by the Riverside County Sheriff's Department died from a "justified homicide" by officers, a greater portion than every other large sheriff's office in the state. Statewide, only about 15 percent of in-custody deaths result from a justified homicide, putting the portion of self-reported justified homicide deaths for the Riverside County Sheriff's Department at nearly three times the portion for all police, sheriffs' departments and state prisons in the state, according to data compiled by California Office of the Attorney General's OpenJustice initiative.
Palm Springs Desert Sun

Criminal Justice / Public Safety

Police reform bills inch forward in California
California lawmakers advanced a pair of police reform bills this week aimed at increasing access to officer misconduct records and establishing statewide procedures for releasing videos from police body-worn and patrol car-mounted camera. In a 6-1 vote, the Senate Judiciary Committee passed AB 748 which aims to establish statewide regulations on the release of police camera videos and the ways in which departments can use and store data.
Courthouse News Service

Report urges CA to dump private agencies that collect on

criminal justice system-related debts
California's system of criminal fines and fees, and its use of under-regulated private debt collection services to collect those fees, place an outsized burden on low income residents and communities of color, according to a report from the California Reinvestment Coalition. California has a total of 684 criminal justice penalties. Statewide, nearly two-thirds of adults arrested, and hit with those justice system fines are people of color.
WitnessLA

Video shows Good Samaritan using flying kick to take down violent transient (Only on FOX)
Surveillance video obtained exclusively by FOX 11 shows a brave Good Samaritan using a flying kick to take down a transient man who had just attacked a man with a piece of plywood with a nail in it in downtown Los Angeles. It happened Monday evening at 548 Spring Street. According to LAPD, in a completely unprovoked attack, the transient used the weapon to strike a man in the face while he was walking his dog, hospitalizing him with a severe gash to his lip.
Fox11

Editorial: 'Reasonable fear' is reasonable
With the nation's focus this week on immigration issues, you may have missed some important news out of Sacramento aimed at addressing perceived racism by law enforcement officers. It's Assembly Bill 931, the Police Accountability and Community Protection Act. It cleared its first committee hurdle on Tuesday, and if it becomes law, it changes the current standard for police use of deadly force from "a reasonable fear" to only allowing deadly force when necessary to prevent imminent injury or death.
KSBW8

Don't be so fast to dismiss that California use-of-force bill
Members of the Senate Public Safety Committee raised eyebrows last week when they brushed off objections from powerful law enforcement groups and, by a 5-2 vote, advanced a bill that would put strict new limits on when cops can use deadly force against suspects. It was the right thing to do. With unsettling frequency, law enforcement shootings of civilians in California are being revealed as cases in which an officer shot first and asked questions later.
Sacramento Bee

SF public defender seeks order forcing California courts to follow bail reform decision
A month after the California Supreme Court decided to review a landmark decision on bail reform, the San Francisco Public Defender's Office on Monday called for the decision to remain enforceable across the state. Deputy Public Defender Chesa Boudin requested an order

from the court finding that the decision remains binding despite the review.
San Francisco Examiner

Meet the Long Beach company behind Honorbands for fallen first-responders
The black bands worn on badges in memory of slain police, sheriffs deputies and firefighters are sadly ubiquitous these days. The mourning bands, as they're generically known, are in evidence this month in honor of Long Beach Fire Department Capt. David Rosa, who was killed by a gunman early Monday morning.
Long Beach Post

Prop 57 & 47 AB 109

Fresno Police Chief Dyer believes Prop 47 is bad for California
The prosecutor who helped pass Proposition 47 and the Central Valley police chief who hates it, haven't changed their opinions in four years. As FOX26 reporter Rich Rodriguez explains, the two shared how the ballot initiative has changed California since 2014. San Francisco District Attorney George Gascon was a key supporter of Prop 47, the ballot measure that reduced penalties for lower level drug and property crimes.
Fox26 Sacramento

Research finds Prop. 47 has reduced racial disparities in drug arrests
Racial disparities in drug arrests have decreased significantly since the passage of Proposition 47, the 2014 ballot measure that reclassified nonviolent drug and property offenses from felonies to misdemeanors, according to new research published by the American Journal of Public Health. After the passage of Proposition 47, the number of drug arrests dropped dramatically for all racial groups.
Sacramento Bee

These towns have the highest per capita crime rates in the Bay Area
When people think of towns and suburbs in the Bay Area with the most crime, places like Emeryville and Colma might not come to mind. But when it comes to per capita rates, Colma and Emeryville sit at the top of violent and property crime in the Bay Area, according to 2016 Department of Justice data.
SF Gate

Victorville man released on AB109 arrested for burglary and elder abuse
A previously convicted criminal released under AB-109 was recently arrested after police learned he burglarized the home of an elderly man multiple times, officials said. According to a San Bernardino County

Sheriff's news release, the victim is a 76-year-old disabled man who lives in Pinon Hills. The elderly victim was at his home in the 2200 block of Sunny Slope Road when the suspect, Zachariah Pacillos, 44, a resident of Victorville broke into his residence on June 16th and 18th.
Victor Valley News

Shasta County grand jury sounds alarm on prison realignment spending
In a pair of scathing reports, the Shasta County Grand Jury has accused the Shasta County Board of Supervisors of improperly using state funds allocated for rehabilitation programs to fund county jail operations, even as a budget deficit looms for public safety spending. The two reports, "Community Corrections Partnership - AB 109 Funds, $45.7 Million For Public Safety - Where Has It Gone?" and "Shasta County Jail: Funding And Capacity, A Public Safety Crises Deepens," offer unflinching criticisms of the board and the Community Corrections Partnership's handling of AB 109 funds.
aNewsCafe.com

California property crime surge is unintended consequence of Proposition 47
California voters had high hopes for Proposition 47, a ballot initiative that passed in November 2014 to lower criminal penalties for various property and drug offenses and thereby ease the state's prison overcrowding problem. Although the initiative succeeded in meeting some objectives, it also triggered major unintended consequences that have harmed tens of thousands of law-abiding property owners, and it continues to inflict economic and psychological damage.
Independent Institute

Consumer News

Can Amazon and its marketplace rivals fix their counterfeits problem?
Since Amazon first created the Marketplace to take on eBay, the e-tailer has brought into its fold and onto its website millions of third-party sellers. By 2016, third-party goods accounted for half of all merchandise sold through the site. Credit Suisse has put Marketplace's sales at $135 billion, and that could expand $259 billion by 2020, according to figures cited in Entrepreneur magazine.
Retail Dive

Authorities warn Chinese Americans about 'Embassy Scam' after victim loses $3M
Authorities on Monday issued a warning about a phone scam targeting San Francisco's Chinese-American community, with one victim losing nearly $3 million. The scam, dubbed "The Chinese Embassy Phone Scam," calls their targets in Mandarin and claims to be from the Chinese

Embassy. The scammers then try to convince the people that they are guilty of financial fraud and only by sending money overseas they can clear their name, SFGate reported.
Fox News

LA County property owners urged to beware of deed scams, check assessor's site
Property owners should beware of deed scams and unsolicited mailings designed to look as if they've been issued by a government agency, the Los Angeles County assessor warned Monday. Television and radio ads urging property owners to protect their homes from theft via unauthorized changes to deeds and other legal documents have raised concerns and led viewers to call the assessor's office for advice.
City News Service

Politics / Sacramento

Filmmaker Jennifer Siebel Newsom likes the idea of becoming California's 'first partner'
When Jennifer Siebel Newsom was a young actress getting started in Hollywood, she found herself typecast in role after role as a trophy wife. Now she's the real-life spouse of Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom, the Democratic candidate for governor of California. But this independent filmmaker, who's dedicated her career to breaking down gender stereotypes, is hoping to play a very different role as California's first lady - and that could start with the title.
Mercury News

California voters to decide future of gas tax
California voters will decide this November whether to get rid of higher gas taxes and vehicle registration fees approved last year. Secretary of State Alex Padilla said Monday that initiative supporters collected enough valid signatures to qualify for the ballot. The move was widely expected after organizers turned in far more signatures than required.
KCRA

Local soda taxes would be banned in California under developing deal
California would ban its cities and counties from creating taxes on soda and other sugary drinks for more than a decade if the Legislature approves a budget trailer bill introduced Sunday. The language, which is still being finalized, is part of a developing deal between organized labor and business groups to remove from the November ballot a proposed measure that would make it harder to raise state and local taxes.
Sacramento Bee

'Bot Bill' moves ahead in California legislature, but not without opposition
A bill that would require social media companies like Facebook and

Twitter to clearly label automated accounts - or 'bots' - is moving forward in the California Legislature, despite opposition from some tech companies and civil liberties groups. Opponents say the so-called 'Bot Bill,' or SB 1001, is too strict and could limit First Amendment rights.
Capital Public Radio

California rent control initiative supporters, opponents sought deal to avoid ballot fight - but failed
After negotiations failed to reach a deal to avoid a costly campaign this fall, Californians are set to vote on whether to repeal the state law that limits local rent control ordinances known as "Costa-Hawkins." The initiative's supporters and opponents filled the Capitol on Thursday for a legislative hearing on the measure.
Capital Public Radio

California elected officials get a pay raise
Statewide elected officials and lawmakers in California will be getting a 3 percent raise at the end of the year. The California Citizens Compensation Commission approved the salary increases Tuesday, continuing a pattern of steady increases over the last seven years that adjust for inflation. Chairman Tom Dalzell said the pay raise represented an "incremental, modest, symbolic increase."
Sacramento Bee

Guns

All bullet-button assault weapons must be registered by June 30
The California Department of Justice on Monday issued a reminder that all bullet-button assault weapons must be registered by 11:59:59pm on June 30. Any applications submitted after the due date will not be accepted (per Penal Code section 30900(b)(1) and California Code of Regulations, title 11, division 5, chapter 39, section 5469).
Signal Tribune

Victims' families urge California to end gun investments
Families of mass shooting victims and others called Monday for the nation's largest public pension fund to stop investing in companies that sell assault weapons and devices that allow guns to fire more rapidly. "Divesting in these companies that sell these weapons will send a clear message that the thoughts and prayers that are sent when these tragedies occur are not enough - the state of California is demanding change," said Renee Wetzel, whose husband, Mike, was killed in the 2015 San Bernardino terrorist attack.
AP

Homeless

LA's Garcetti says more state money should boost local homeless initiatives

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti said Friday that a lot more state money should be dedicated to homeless initiatives, and a recent report estimated it would cost more $657 million in one year to provide interim housing for 85 percent of the unsheltered homeless people in the city - but Garcetti said that goal wasn't likely be accomplished even if all the funds were available.
City News Service

Corrections

San Quentin correctional officer attacked by inmate

A San Quentin State Prison correctional officer was injured in an alleged attack by an inmate on Monday, officials with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation said today. The officer was allegedly attacked at 12:25 p.m. as he was escorting 24-year-old inmate Jesus Pina back to his cell from a medical appointment.
Mill Valley Patch

FAA prohibits drone flights over federal prisons, Coast Guard bases

Drones will be prohibited from flying over federal prisons and Coast Guard facilities under flight restrictions the Federal Aviation Administration announced Tuesday. Prison officials have long worried about people flying remote-controlled aircraft over prison yards to drop drugs, weapons or other contraband to inmates.
USA Today

George Soros

Philly's progressive new DA is testing the limits of change from within

"The truth is that activists do politics better than politicians," says Larry Krasner. Bernie Sanders nods emphatically. The two are meeting for the first time at a roundtable on decarceration hosted by Jacobin magazine's The Dig podcast, which also included Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor and Premal Dharia. The Vermont senator and the Philadelphia district attorney both serve as beacons of what a left electoral challenge can accomplish, locally and nationally (and win or lose).
In These Times

Immigration

Problems getting detainees to court on time magnified under 'zero-tolerance' immigration crackdown

Jose Dominguez-Vasquez was stopped in a vehicle east of Tecate, Calif., by a Border Patrol agent at 4:13 p.m. on a recent Friday. He admitted he was not in the country legally, having just crossed the border. He was arrested and spent the weekend locked up. When it came time for

his scheduled appearance before a San Diego County federal judge last week, he wasn't in court.
Los Angeles Times

California

USC scandal sparks a reckoning in gynecology: How to better protect patients?
For some USC students who visited campus gynecologist George Tyndall, it was obvious right away that something was wrong. They said he touched them in inappropriate ways, made bizarre comments and acted unprofessionally. Others said they left feeling uneasy but weren't sure what to make of Tyndall's behavior.
Los Angeles Times

Misc

China escalates hacks against the US as trade tensions rise
In 2015, the United States and China agreed to a digital truce that banned hacking private companies to steal trade secrets. And though the agreement has been touted as a success, it hasn't stopped Chinese state-sponsored hackers from pushing the envelope of acceptable behavior. Moreover, it certainly hasn't slowed types of hacking that fall outside the purview of the accord. Lately, it seems, that means defense intelligence gathering.
Wired

WitnessLA wins 2nd place prize for online investigative journalism at Sunday's LA Press Club Awards!
We were very surprised when WitnessLA was awarded 2nd place in the unusually competitive category of Online Investigative Journalism at Sunday night's 60th Southern California Journalism Awards sponsored by the LA Press Club. In truth, we were actually quite delighted just to be a finalist this year, but had no expectations of snagging one of the top three places in the online investigative category since we were up against stiff competition.
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